



Dear House Finance committee, I hope all is well when you receive this letter. I am writing you in regard to the proposed Criminal Justice Reinvestment Package. As you may already be aware, most of the crime committed in my community is a byproduct of barriers to the opportunities afforded to those in higher income communities. The current criminal system is designed to exasperate these inequities. If we want to see our crime rate decreased and those who enter the prison system truly rehabilitated it is necessary that we start to make the necessary investments as well as systemic changes that will steer the course of the next generation. This package will do two things; first and foremost reduce recidivism and as well as significantly reduce the cost of crime prevention. I believe that the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Package is a starting point to begin restoring a broken system. As such, I support this initiative put forth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erny Francisco".

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